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130 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
PITTSFIELD, ILLINOIS

April 26th, 1952.

Director of The Hall of Fame,
New York University,
University Heights, 181 st, Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:-

I thank you very kindly for sending me the invitation to attend the ceremony in which the Busts and Tablets of Susan B. Anthony and Thomas Paine will be unveiled. You have honored me by inviting me to this important meeting.

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I regret that I can not attend because many important duties and the long distance to New York. Your kind favor is very much appreciated.

My father oftentimes mentioned Susan B. Anthony and her her fine work and influence. He was John E. Vertrees. He was the President of Grand River College, a Baptist Institution, and the First Protestant College west of the Mississippi River where women were permitted to attend and graduate. It was located in Edinburg, Missouri. General Enoch Crowder was one of his graduates.

I wish to call your attention to the life and work of George Washington Julian of Indiana. He was one of the most important factors in freeing the slaves and in securing women's rights. No doubt, he co-operated with Susan B. Anthony. I have a copy of his his Biography, which was written by his daughter, Grace Julian Clark and published by the State Historical Society of Indiana. He was a brother of my Great Grand mother, Mrs. Absolem Harvey. I believe he deserves a place in your Hall of Fame.

I have a friend in New York City who has been co-operating with me in Patriotic work, and I believe he would appreciate an

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invitation to your unveiling ceremony. He is a very fine patriotic man and a graduate of Harvard University. Any kindness you may show him will be regarded as a favor to me. His address is Kenneth D. McGruder, 400 Riverside Drive, Apt 2 A. New York 25. I am enclosing several papers which relate to The American National Patriotic Society, of which I have been President for twenty one years. One is a copy of the Prospectus of the Society and one is to promote June as "PEARL MONTH", and another is to promote "SONS DAY". Our organization has sponsored and established a number of special days to help to propagate a greater appreciation of our Native Land. One other important day which we have established is "ROGER WILLIAMS" Day which comes on the first Sunday of each November. I have a very rare picture of the bust of Roger Williams. It is in a very old United States Pictorial History. I have a great admiration of this primordial champion of FREEDOM. If he is not now in your Hall of Fame, it is my opinion he should be there.

Again thanking you for your kind invitation,
I am,

Sincerely,

Herbert Harvey Vertrees.